

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 22-26, 61-65, 67, 126, 128-133, 137-139, 141-146, 148, and 149 are allowed.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 22-26, 61-65, 67, 126, 128-134, 136-139, 141-146, 148, and 149 are currently pending in this application. Claims 22, 61, 126, 128, 134, 139, 141, and 146 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 22, 61, 126, 128, 134, 139, and 146.

Drawings

Applicant again respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed on March 26, 2002 are acceptable.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 134 has been amended to include the allowed subject matter of independent claim 22, which the Examiner acknowledges as allowable subject matter on the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005. Specifically, independent claim 134 has been amended to include the limitation reciting that the signal is sent after the completion of "*every specific number of more than one drawing operation.*" No new subject matter is added by way of this amendment. Support for this amendment may be found in the currently pending claims and on page 4, lines 26-31 of the Specification.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the aforementioned claim amendments because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

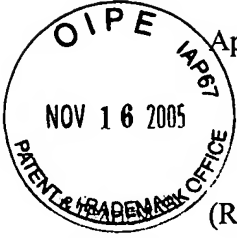
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 134 and 136 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,831,615 (“Drews”). To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claim 134 has been amended to include the allowed subject matter of independent claim 22. Thus, amended independent claim 134 is now patentable over Drews for the same reasons as independent claim 22. Dependent claim 136 is patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 134. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591



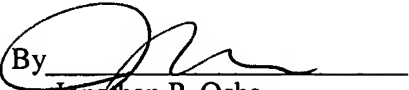
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